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Johnson said. I urge your rejection of the DeCamp amendment and the support of the Landis amendment. It is responsible and it does give a good start, nothing overly fat, but a good start. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, I will be very brief but I want to make this statement. Let us all think for just a minute. We've talked about priorities here in accepting, as this body has accepted, the necessary legislation dealing with the telecommunications center. Now we are about to adopt LB 1125A. What are we going to give up to have this particular center? Something is going to go in the budget here. Is it going to be vocational education? Is it going to be the state scholarship program? Is it going to be some of the other programs you may have some interest in? The fact of the matter is, you have to think about those things in this particular A bill because once again somebody has basically made a determination that this is a priority bill for someone and they feel it is important to them but there are other priority bills out there that are important to me and I'm sure important to you, that if we adopt this particular amendment or this particular A bill, something has got to go. So just think about that before you vote.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kahle, anything on the DeCamp amendment?

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, late in the afternoon, it just seems to me that we are opening up a whole new program here that private industry should be doing. We talk about our cards that we have here in the Legislature. We've got the lousiest service now we've ever had when we are supposed to have improved it with what the federal government has done with AT&T and the whole bit that we've been working with. We are going the wrong direction but I can't believe that if this is a good system that we won't be overrun by private industry getting to us to get this done. I don't think the state should be involved in it at all. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Labedz, we are on the DeCamp amendment